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BEATTIE SENIOR  
SAYS SON WILL  
REMAIN SILENTFather of Condemned Wife  
Murderer Declares He  
Advises Course.OWN INITIATIVE IF  
STATEMENT IS MADEDenials of Alleged Confession of  
Guilt—Young Beattie Shows  
Little Change.

By JAMES E. BREADY.  
RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 19.—"My son probably will make no statement," declared Henry Clay Beattie, sr., this morning. "I shall make none myself."

The father of the young man condemned to be electrocuted next Friday in the Virginia State penitentiary for wife murder, made the above declaration this morning while seated in the library of the spacious Beattie home, 1529 Porter street, Manchester. It is the first statement Mr. Beattie has made since the day after the verdict of September 8.

"I don't believe Harry will have anything to say for publication of any kind," continued Mr. Beattie. "It is, of course, still possible he may, but the outlook is much the other way. I certainly shall not advise him to."

## Father's Statement.

Mr. Beattie then added the significant words:  
"If Henry desires to say anything before Friday he will come to do it entirely of his own initiative. I surely did not advise him to do so, for I wish the initiative in the matter to come from him. But if he should ask my advice, I know very well what I should tell him."

Mr. Beattie implied that the clergyman who are daily visiting Henry C. Beattie, jr., in his cell in the penitentiary are actuated by the same feeling regarding any statement or confession. "I thought of making a statement myself," said the father, "and I made a rough draft of some things I thought of saying. This tentative statement I showed to some friends, and my son's attorneys, but the lawyers advised me against giving it out for publication. That settled the matter with me. Except these remarks to The Times, I shall have nothing whatever to say."

## Brother's Faith Firm.

Douglas Beattie, the prisoner's brother, has made a statement denying that Henry has already confessed to his spiritual advisers, or that he will confess before the 24th. Douglas Beattie seems firmly convinced of his brother's innocence, and while the trial was on at Chesterfield court house none of those who said they thought the father knew the son was guilty declared they believed Douglas Beattie thought so.

## Douglas declares:

"My brother has made no confession, nor will he make any, because he has nothing to confess. My father, as well as myself, is still confident of his innocence, of the crime charged against him."

The campaign for a respite for the prisoner is still going on. Harry M. Smith has given an interview saying he is convinced Beattie made his affidavit in sober mind before Attorney Balderston in Washington. Mr. Smith saw Balderston in Washington Saturday. Many believe Mr. Smith may have known before Beattie was declared insane, ostensibly seeking a job, he was going to make that affidavit.

## Referred to in Sermons.

Several clergymen referred to the Beattie execution this morning in their sermons here. The Rev. H. D. C. Machlachlin, pastor of a Christian Church and one of those who joined in an appeal to the governor yesterday, declared from his pulpit that a respite should be granted.

All efforts of the sort are believed to be vain. There is no reason to believe Governor Mann will alter his attitude even if the appeal should take the form of a widespread movement. Most Richmond people seem to approve the governor's stand.

Members of the Beattie family and the two clergymen visited him at the penitentiary today. The calls were short. Guards say the prisoner is unchanged in appearance or spirits.

## WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Fair tonight and Monday, moderate west winds.

TEMPERATURES.	
U. S. BUREAU.	APPELCK'S.
8 a. m. .... 45	8 a. m. .... 44
9 a. m. .... 46	9 a. m. .... 45
10 a. m. .... 47	10 a. m. .... 46
11 a. m. .... 48	11 a. m. .... 47
12 noon .... 49	12 noon .... 48
1 p. m. .... 49	1 p. m. .... 48
2 p. m. .... 49	2 p. m. .... 48

TIDE TABLE.  
Today—High tide, 7:10 a. m. and 7:12 p. m.; low tide, 1:12 a. m. and 1:19 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 7:53 a. m. and 7:54 p. m.; low tide, 1:56 a. m. and 2:02 p. m.

SUN TABLE.  
Sun rises.....6:47 Sun sets.....4:45

MEXICAN PLOTS  
RAMPANT SEEN  
IN REYES MOVEArrest of Military Leader Is  
Crux of Widespread  
Fomentation.COUNTRY TEEMS  
WITH REVOLUTIONMadero's Election Foreshadowed  
Overflow of Seething Current  
of Intrigue.

By JOHN SNURE.

That plots of a widespread and dangerous nature are fomented for the purpose of overthrowing the new Madero government in Mexico, is the information that is obtained in Washington coincident with the news from San Antonio that Gen. Bernardo Reyes has been arrested, and four other Mexicans of prominence indicted by a Federal grand jury for alleged conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws.

Startling as is the news of Reyes' arrest, along with the indictment of other Mexicans for plotting on American soil, it is not the most troublesome feature of the Mexican situation. Rather, it is symptomatic of a seething undercurrent of revolution in Mexico, which is not merely giving the Madero government grave concern, but is causing the Government of the United States the utmost anxiety.

## Acts Foreseen.

As a matter of fact, the very thing is now coming to pass, which long-headed Americans, fully cognizant of conditions in the Mexican republic, feared would come to pass when Madero was elected. That is to say, while the Madero government is not without merit, the dissatisfied elements in the country are sufficiently numerous and powerful to make it a serious question whether the new government can long withstand their secret machinations and their open assaults.

In other words, there is once more raised before the American Government the specter of the renewal of disorders in Mexico of such a nature as will compel anew the dispatch of large forces to the border with the danger always ahead of being compelled to intervene to restore peace and quiet.

Even if in the present instance the Madero government copes successfully with the situation, the dissatisfied elements in the republic are likely, in fact almost sure, to hatch new plots and cause more trouble in the future. Not once but many times may such recurrences of trouble be looked for and, as high officials view it here, sooner or later the Government is likely to have to interfere.

## Arrest May Quiet Elements.

General Reyes' arrest, it is hoped, will have a quieting effect on the elements that are plotting revolution in the republic and outside of it. However, it is said on high authority here that this is by no means assured. General Reyes and the Mexicans involved with him have been indicted charged with conspiracy to violate neutrality laws, and General Reyes was arrested at San Antonio on a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Edwards, who acted on a telegram from the Federal authorities at Laredo, Tex., telling him of the indictment. The complaint is sworn to by H. L. Thompson, an agent of the Department of Justice, and charges that Reyes prepared the means for a military expedition to be carried on from the United States against Mexico. Conspiracy with persons unknown to invade Mexico, which the United States is at peace also is charged.

A vital question in the Reyes affair is who and what elements are back of him. On this opinions differ to some extent in well-informed quarters here. It is agreed that the old Cientifico party, which was friendly to Diaz, is back of General Reyes. It also is said that many persons who have not got the graft out of the Madero government they hoped to get and want to get, are in the movement.

In one quarter here in close touch with the situation, it is declared that back of General Reyes stand former President Diaz, his son, and Limantour, former minister. This, however, is understood to be at the Rivera. Elsewhere, doubt is expressed whether Diaz is involved in the plot. Emiliano Vasquez Gomez, formerly in the cabinet, is openly advocating revolution. The best information here is that General Reyes had gone to San Antonio and established himself there, and was simply waiting until confederates in Mexico gave the word that the time was ripe for invasion. Apparently, the time when the flames of revolution were to burst forth once more was near at hand.

Recently, there has been trouble and unrest in southern Mexico, in Yucatan. (Continued on Second Page.)

## Mrs. W. H. Mickle and Man Questioned by Police

MRS. WILLIAM H. MICKLE,  
Wife of the Murdered Man.Boy Describes Suspect  
That Police Seek

Ralph Pimes, living next door to where Mr. Mickle was murdered, furnished The Times today with the following description of the man the police believe knows something of the murder:

Black suit of clothes; a medium length single breasted coat. Soft gray hat, worn straight on his head.

Wore no overcoat. Height about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches. Weight about 140 to 150 pounds. Smooth shaven.

Dark eyes. No scars on his face or hands. Wore a standing collar, with a white tie.

JOSEPH MILES,  
Plumber Interrogated By the Detectives.WHIPPING POST IS  
HINTED BY JUDGEWifebeater May Revive Law in  
Disuse in Maryland More  
Than Century.

After a century of disuse, the "whipping post" for wife-beaters may be revived in Montgomery county, Md., this week.

Franklin W. Marshall, formerly a navy yard employee, residing at 1225 Third street southeast, may be the first subject of the lash. He was arrested this morning at Rockville and will be arraigned tomorrow before Judge Redding.

"Judge Redding told me he is in favor of using the whipping post on wife beaters, and to inaugurate this punishment when the first conviction is secured," said Sheriff Vielt.

Marshall is the first man arrested on a charge of wife beating since the edict of Judge Redding. A new law, Sheriff Vielt says, was passed at the last session of the Maryland Legislature, fixing punishment of wife beaters at forty lashes with a whip.

Marshall was arrested on complaint of his seventy-three-year-old wife, Samuel Gant, of 1306 Third street southeast. He is charged with striking his wife, Martha Marshall, with a whip last Sunday.

The defendant has been working on a farm near Gaithersburg. His wife left him last week, after the alleged assault.

Aged Couple Overcome  
By Gas in Buffalo

BUFFALO, Nov. 19.—When Mrs. Ida Billep, of Grape street, went over to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Bulet, eighty-two and sixty-eight years of age, respectively, living at 342 Carlton street, to pay them a neighborly call this morning, she could not gain admittance to their home.

FOREIGNERS SLAIN  
IN CHINA, IS REPORTHsianfu, Capital of Shensi Province, Believed To Be Scene  
of Outrage.

PEKING, Nov. 19.—A massacre of foreigners is reported at Hsianfu, the capital of Shensi.

It is officially announced that Japan has landed troops at Chee-Poo.

Wissens, Chinese minister, has issued peremptory orders to all Americans now in the interior to take up temporary residence at treaty ports.

Eight thousand rebels have concentrated at Lang Tang with rapid-fire guns according to dispatches received here. They propose to storm Nanking. The rebel fleet has advanced up the Yang Tse Kiang to aid in the assault, which will probably take place today. Nanking has been cut off from the outside world. General Chang is said to be prepared for a long siege and to be strongly entrenched on Purple mountain.

The revolutionaries are excellently equipped and officered by foreigners. General Chang's principal forces are about 7,000 Shantung troops. He is believed to be short of ammunition, and to possess an inadequate artillery force.

Wilbur T. Gracey, United States Consul at Nanking, has gone to Shanghai to board the United States torpedo boat Barry.

Clubwoman Is Charged  
With Defrauding Hotel

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Lillian Sagneister, thirty-five years old, member of prominent women's clubs, was arrested by Constables Fagin and Toohy last night on a warrant sworn out by Henry Kuhlman, proprietor of the Kuhlman Hotel, patronized as a fashionable family hotel, charging her with defrauding an inn keeper.

According to complaints a stylishly attired woman, after securing quarters, would live there until the rent was due and then disappear with her belongings.

After her arrest Mrs. Sagneister was taken up a number of wealthy and prominent gentlemen friends in the city in an effort to secure bail, but was unsuccessful and was forced to remain in jail all night. She denied her guilt.

KILLING PROMISES  
END OF MYSTERYDead Hold-up and Companion  
Believed Chauffeur  
Murderers.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 19.—The police think they will be able to clear up the Wennerstrom and Dore automobile murders, which have been puzzling them for years, in the killing early today of John Cullinane and the capture of his confederate, Daniel Mahoney.

The two men, as fares, entered a taxicab belonging to the Auto-Taxicab Company, driven by William Barton, in the "red light district" early this morning. When Barton stopped he was seized around the neck by one of the men, while the other pressed a revolver against his head and demanded his valuables. The men then ordered him to "go ahead."

He replied that the power had been shut off. Cullinane started to crank the machine, when Barton drew a revolver and fired at him. Mahoney escaped, but later was captured. Through Mahoney, the police expect to clear up the former murders and robberies of automobile chauffeurs.

Train Is Piled Up  
And Two Are Hurt

TOLEDO, Nov. 19.—The Wheeling and Lake Erie railway experienced one of the most damaging freight wrecks in the history of the line in the Fremont yards this morning. Fifteen loaded cars were derailed and piled up near the plant of the Continental Sugar Company. A broken flange on a refrigerator car is believed to have caused the wreck.

Spanish Village Wiped  
Out by Furious Gale

MADRID, Nov. 19.—A terrific gale has unroofed hundreds of houses and done great damage to property here. Eleven persons were injured. Moronillo, a nearby village, was wiped out by a fire fanned by the gale. Five hundred houses were burned, and 1,500 are homeless.

POLICE TO MAKE  
ARREST SOON IN  
MICKLE MURDERScour City for Suspect Whom They Think  
Woman May Be Able to Identify  
as Slayer.PROBERS WORK ON MATERIAL  
PROVIDED BY ASSAULT CASE

An arrest in the Mickle murder case is impending this afternoon. The police are on the track of a man who, they believe, will at least be able to throw some light on the case. This man is under suspicion as the possible murderer, and police and detectives are combing the city for him.

The description of this man is a trifle vague, but the police have a witness, in the person of a Miss Livingstone, who believes that she could recognize the man if she were confronted with him. She says she saw this man in the back room of the Mickle establishment with Mickle a few minutes before the murder was committed.

## Following The Times Clue.

On information furnished by The Times Major Sylvester this afternoon ordered a thorough investigation of the assault made on Arthur T. Check, a restaurant keeper, at 1025 H street northeast, last May, the assailant using a wrench in a manner similar to the attack on Mickle. Major Sylvester was impressed by the possibilities of the clue, and has Central Office detectives at work.

The Times traced the wrench with which the aged tobacconist was murdered, from the factory in which it was made until after its arrival in Washington. With the information thus far unearthed, the police are confident they will be able to trace the ownership of the implement from this point to where it was found by the side of the dying man Thursday evening.

The police are working today on a chain of circumstances which they believe will strongly connect the man seen by Miss Livingstone with the crime.

## Seen in Vicinity.

This man, it is said, has been seen in the vicinity of the store frequently for several weeks and was more or less known in the neighborhood of the crime. Miss Livingstone went to Mickle's place and when she opened the front door, Mickle emerged from the rear room. There was standing just behind Mickle another man, of about average build with light hair.

According to a careful study of all evidence as to time, Miss Livingstone visited the store after little Ralph Pimes had rattled the knob at 6:29 o'clock. The door was not open until Mickle was found dying.

In connection with the theory that an insane person wielded the wrench that killed Mickle, the Central Office detectives have been furnished with a list of all paroled patients from the Government Hospital for Insane, and also the names of two men who recently escaped. A thorough canvass of this list is being made today.

Major Sylvester ordered a complete investigation of the record of the man who assaulted Arthur T. Check in a restaurant near the Capitol. He has found that he was treated for acute alcoholism, which bordered on delirium tremens. "Not a word was said after he made the unprovoked assault on the restaurant keeper. He also ordered that the records of the Government Hospital for the Insane and the Washington Asylum Hospital be scanned for any possible information about Check's assailant."

Major Sylvester and Inspector of Detectives Boardman this afternoon summoned to Central Office the officers of the Ninety-ninth Precinct, Patrolman Smith, who arrested the man who struck Check with the wrench. They were taken to the police station, where they were interviewed by a Times reporter. "Not a word was said between us, and the attack was without the slightest warning. He came into the restaurant for a check, and when I came from the back room he lunged at me with the weapon, which he held behind him."

Mrs. Check, who was an eye-witness to the assault, stated that she believes that had she not gone to the rescue of her husband he would have been killed. She claimed that she ran forward with her baby in her arms just as her husband was felled, and that the seemingly mad man struck at her, and in dodging, the child was knocked from her arms.

Pastor Uses Moving  
Pictures in Sermons

TOLEDO, Ohio, Nov. 19.—Holding services in moving picture show places at noon on Sunday was the new plan of church work inaugurated today in Youngstown through the efforts and plans of Dr. F. R. Frazier, a United Brethren clergyman.

Dr. Frazier's plan did not in any way interfere with the regular work of the city.

Dr. Frazier arranged a special musical program for the moving picture places, with short talks on advanced religious thoughts.

Fire in Cincinnati  
Does Great Damage

CINCINNATI, Nov. 19.—The wholesale district of this city was visited by a fire today which caused a total loss estimated at \$250,000.

The blaze, according to the fire department officials, started in the third floor of the Jacob Meiser mop factory, and after gutting the two upper floors of the building spread across the alley to the building occupied by Herringer & Co., a paper concern.

Two Are Cremated  
When Trains Crash

TOLEDO, Nov. 19.—In a terrific blizzard Conductor N. E. Crowley and Passenger C. M. Nohel, both of Bellevue, Ohio, were killed and their bodies burned in their caboose, when the rear of a Nickel Plate eastbound freight was struck by another bound in the same direction, on a siding in the outer yards today. L. C. Gulick, engineer, suffered a broken leg. A car loaded with forty-one steers was smashed and the animals let loose.